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FISHERY UPDATE



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PETERSBURG/WRANGELL HERRING UPDATE #11

The department conducted an aerial survey today, May 2, of the Hobart Bay/Port Houghton area between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The survey conditions were fair with showers and winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

Several herring schools were seen along two miles of shoreline with ¼ mile of active spawn south of the Sanctuary in Hobart Bay. Marine mammal activity has also increased with 85 sea lions in and around the schools of herring. One school of herring was observed in Farragut Bay with very little change in predators. The next flight is scheduled for Friday, May 3.

2013 Survey Herring Summary

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

April 16	No herring activity, 71 sea lions, 2 whales, 100 scoters.
April 19	No herring activity, 102 sea lions, 550 scoters.
April 22	No herring activity, 81 seas lions, 1,500 scoters.
April 24	No herring activity, 31 sea lions.
April 27	No herring activity, 30 sea lions, 1,600 scoters.
April 30	No herring activity, 45 sea lions, 1,100 scoters.
May 2	¼ miles of active spawn, 85 sea lions, 1,550 scoters.

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